

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 27, 2005. Claims 12-23 remain pending in this application. Claims 12, 16, and 20 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

On the merits, the Office Action rejected Claims 12-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kawano et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,774,797; hereinafter "Kawano"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for at least the following reasons:

Kawano at least fails to recite or suggest the control input value of a DC/DC converter is exclusively controlled in dependence of the frequency value. Rather, Kawano's DC/DC converter contained within variable negative-voltage generator 120 receives two gate voltage setting commands (see, e.g., Kawano, Col. 6, lines 59-62). Kawano's converter is controlled by a supply-associated command and a temperature associated command. Thus Kawano fails to recite or suggest every element of Applicants' Claim 16. Thus the rejection of Applicants' Claim 16 is respectfully traversed.

Claims 12 and 20 recite a communication system and a method, respectively, substantially corresponding to the communication device of Claim 16 and are believed patentable for at least the same reasons.

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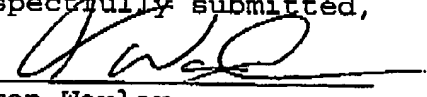
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Claims 13-15, 17-19, and 21-23 depend from one or another of the independent Claims recited above and are believed patentable for at least the same reasons. In addition, Applicants respectfully believe Claims 13-15, 17-19, and 21-23 to be independently patentable and request separate consideration of each claim.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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